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REMARKS

Applicant submits this amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 after final action and prior to reinstating appeal after prosecution was reopened. The amendment complies with requirements of form set forth in the Office action of July 27, 2007 and reduces the number of issues for appeal.

In the Office action of July 27, 2007, claims 4, 12, 15, 19, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 12, 19, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 4,12,15, 19, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. There was also a rejection under MPEP 2114. Additionally, claims 23 and 24 were withdrawn by the Examiner for being directed to a non-elected invention.

Applicant appreciates that the Examiner indicated that the amendments proposed during the telephone interview on October 9, 2007 would overcome the § 112 and MPEP 2114 rejections. The amendments are set forth below.

With respect to the rejection limitation "a sensitivity selector including a gear sensor" in claim 4, claim 4 has been amended to recite "a sensitivity selector."

With respect to the limitation "maximum allowable articulation angle" in claims 12, 15, and 19, claims 12, 15, and 19 have been amended to recite an "allowable articulation angle."

With respect to the limitation "is the same for different types of steering input devices" in claim 20, claim 20 has been amended to recite "wherein the interface is configured to be used with a plurality of types of steering input devices."

With respect to the rejection under MPEP 2114, claims 4 and 12 have been amended to recite "a sensitivity selector configured to determine." Claim 12 has been amended to recite "an operator input device communicatively connected to the processor and configured to allow an

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operator to input a tire size." Claim 15 has been amended to recite "wherein the processor is configured to control." Claim 19 has been amended to receive "an input device configured to allow an operator to input tire size" and "wherein the processor is configured to control the valve."

In light of the above, it is believed that the rejections under § 112 and MPEP 2114 have been overcome.

Although no additional fees are believed due for filing this amendment, if an additional fee is deemed to be due, please charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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